Bar Hill News

February '05 No. 417

Residents' Association

Chairman's Report 2005 as presented to the AGM

2004 was a very successful year for the Residents' Association. As in previous years, its activities revolved around the publication of the Bar Hill News, the Village Fete and the Firework Display.

The Bar Hill News has continued to be published more or less on time each month. My thanks must go to all who have played a part in this, but especially to the editor, Martin Avery, who has employed considerable skills in squeezing the amount of material in the space available. He and the advertising editor, Bunty Waters, are constantly under pressure to include more advertising – it is a mark of the success of the Bar Hill News that advertisers clamour to be in it. Thirty pages (15 sheets of paper) is the maximum that can be accommodated with the present production process. Expanding it to forty pages – the next viable number – would necessitate its going out to an outside printer, which would add considerably to the cost and a disproportionate amount of advertising to pay for it. One frustrated would-be advertiser, in view of the large number of small businesses in the village, has mentioned producing a monthly journal for the village consisting merely of advertising; rather than fearing that this would lead to a loss of revenue for the Residents' Association, I welcome it.

The Village Fete goes from strength to strength. Despite the uncertain weather, that of 2004 was one of the most successful in the thirty years of its existence. The 'theme' aspect continues, and, on this occasion, it was one of the Emerald Isle – fears that this would lead to problems of a sectarian nature were unfounded, having been dismissed previously by your Committee. Ultimately, it is planned that the Bar Hill Fete will rival that at Over, and, in achieving this, it is necessary that other village organisations play an active part. You will hear soon how this is being done with regard to the 2005 fete– as for myself, I will be looking closely at the weather forecasts and holding my breath for a week or so before the day of the fete. My thanks go to the Fete Sub-Committee under the chairmanship of Raja Iyer without whose dedication and hard work on an all-year-round basis none of this would have been possible.

The Firework Display, without Guy Fawkes and a bonfire, continues to hold its own, and the credit for this must go to Martin Avery without whose expertise it would not have been possible. At times, doubts as to whether it should continue have surfaced, with the attraction of the massive display in Cambridge and the increasing number of regulations being mentioned. Despite the former, however, attendances at the Display continue to grow, and a 'charity bucket collection', which, we hope, will be a regular feature of the Firework Display, raised £475 for the Air Ambulance Service.

'Youth' in the village, particularly on Friday and Saturday evenings, causes concern. 'The Point' Youth Club at the Church Centre has ceased to exist, and the activities of the 'Farmhouse Youth Club' are constantly curtailed because of the lack of qualified youth workers; as a result of the farmhouse's isolated position, it has been broken into on at least two occasions. I have been your representative on the Youth Action Working Group which aims to reach out to 'hard to-reach' young people, improve relations between them and the residents of Hanover Close, ask for a more visible police presence and encourage parental involvement. The next meeting will take place next month.

Funds are not ring-fenced for the production of the Bar Hill News, or financing the Village Fete and the Fireworks Display. It is sometimes forgotten that one of the functions of the Residents' Association is to assist other village organisations financially.

Bar Hill's Website is out of date, not least the Residents' Association 'link'. This was discussed unofficially by members of the outgoing committee earlier this month, and it was decided to propose to the new committee should undertake the task of encouraging village organisations to keep their links up to date, and other organisations to feature on it. When looking at the website at the moment, outsiders are unaware of the wide range of activities in the village, and the extent of its community life. In addition to this, I will propose that we send copies of the Bar Hill News to local television and radio stations and also to the Cambridge News and Crier.

Tesco's is a subject that involves us all. Bunty Waters (wearing the triple hat as a Residents' Association Committee member, Parish Councillor and District Councillor) myself (wearing the double hat as Residents' Association chairman and District Councillor) and the Parish Clerk have recently had the first of what we hope will be quarterly meetings with the store manager. Two main items were on the agenda: the changes to the store, which are now in evidence and trolleys and rubbish. The changes to the store involve the construction of a mezzanine floor: the reason it is being done now is that, from March, planning consent would have to be obtained. The building being constructed to the front of the store is to house non-food items while the mezzanine is under construction, which should be completed by August. We were told that Tesco's would not be applying for planning permission for this as it will be taken down before the District Council is in a position to enforce planning consent.

The magnetic strip around the Tesco site has been repaired, and residents are asked not to lift their trolleys over it, and then not to return them. Taking the trolleys outside the site and leaving them there is theft! Parish Councillors and Resident Association Committee members will be given maps of the village and mark on them places where trolleys are left so that the Tesco trolley retrieval van can pick

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Bar Hill Residents' Association

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The Objectives

The objectives of the Association are to act as an intermediary between the Residents and other parties, to keep Residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the Village, and to promote the interests of Bar Hill. Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Association.

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Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor,

A week before Christmas some spiteful, disturbed person vandalised my three-month old car which was parked in front of my garage on a private forecourt for three houses. If the criminal is reading this, I wonder what satisfaction it gave you to take your key, or some other sharp object, and slash and scrawl into the paintwork, causing hundreds of pounds woth of damage? Would you have enjoyed the festive season if some sick person had deliberately attacked something of yours?

I have reported this criminal damage to the police.

Yours sincerely,
Ms D P Stewart, The Spinney

I have lived in Bar Hill since 1978 and I'm proud of my village but ... Tesco trolleys!

It's said there is a cable around the perimeter of the Tesco property that will lock the trolley wheels if they pass over it to stop them from going off-site. If so, what are all these trolleys doing around the village? The situation isn't helped by an off-duty Tesco employee, who (alledgedly) along with help from one of her daughters, boldly picked up a half-full trolley and lifted it over the wire and then proceeded on her way. What hope is there? I can't for the life of me understand Tesco's steadfast refusal to to use coin-operated trolleys, which require a £1 coin to unlock them. Why not?

I know people shouldn't take them off-site, but the ultimate blame has to be Tesco's, for not using an simple solution to put right a massive problem. I'm sure other supermarket chains don't have this problem with coin-operated trolleys. I bet there wouldn't be any around the village if people knew there was a £1 coin to collect from each dumped trolley. So, come on Tesco, it's your problem, lets see you sort it out. As you say .. "Every little helps"

Yours,
Nick Richardson

Re. the subject of Tesco Trolleys, surely we as residents of Bar Hill can do something about this problem.

Everytime we see a dumped trolley as we are going to shop at Tesco, can we not just take it back instead of just passing it by?

I realise it won't solve the problem but the place will look a bit tidier.

The ones that are in the stream obviously need Tesco to remove them.

Do they still collect them from around the village?

I suppose the other way to solve the problem is ... *[probably illegal, Editor]*. Perhaps they might change their system then?

Colin Brett
Hollytrees

I am replying to Rod Bishop's letter in the December edition of BHN and to give him an update on my letter to him last year.

I am sure residents will be pleased to know that at last the County Council has given the Parish Council details of the shrubs and ground cover to be planted on the roundabout at the entrance to the village. We shall all be pleased to see this work completed.

The news is not so good about the bus shelter at the entrance to the village, which was demolished by a car running into it about a year ago. The person driving the car took it without the owner's permission, and the Police are not pressing charges so I regret that the insurance claim was not successful. A new brick-built bus shelter would cost in the region of £5,000 and the Parish Council has no plans to replace it.

Roadside verges and signposts are the responsibility of the County Council. They are very slow to reply to our letters: perhaps residents would have more success if they made a request to John Reynolds, our County Councillor, whose telephone number and address are in this magazine.

The replacement for the building at the entrance to the village is still planned, but the project has been dogged with legal problems concerning the access. The end was in sight but then the hotel, with whom we had almost concluded our negotiations, was sold, and so there has been a further delay. I hope we shall not have to wait too much longer now. You ask why the building was there in the first place: it was an Information Centre when Bar Hill was being built, a place where prospective residents could call to see what was planned for the village. When it ceased in that role the then Parish Council let it so that there was a small income for the village from it.

I can assure residents that all Councillors want to see the end of that building and a nice new one in its place - and I very much hope it will happen in 2005. I can also assure Rod Bishop that no application has been made for the building to have Grade 2 listed status (unless you know better?).

Margaret Sellars
Chairperson
Bar Hill Parish Council

Dear Editor,

John Fields recently wrote in the Bar Hill News to invite people to join with him to pray for those things that are of concern to us, locally, globally and should we wish, personally. I went along and joined the small group which meets in his home, 40, Oatlands Avenue, on the first Monday morning of the month from 9.30 - 10.30 am. I now write to encourage others to come along too.

We believe that prayer does make a difference and in the short time we have been meeting together have been encouraged to see how our prayers have been answered. As well as the morning meeting, John hosts an evening prayer meeting on the third Friday evening of the month from 7.30 - 8.30pm.

If you would like to know more you can contact John on 782199 Or me, Pat Muir on 201367

Dr Ranasinghe is planning to visit her homeland, Sri Lanka, to help children orphaned by the Asian Tsunami.

When she saw the scenes of devastation caused by the disaster on Boxing Day she decided she wanted to go and help.

She hopes to take her savings and work with children/orphans. She is also asking local companies to sponsor her.

Dr Ranasinghe plans to carry on supporting the orphanage when she returns.

Any local businesses who would like to sponsor her can contact her at the Bar Hill Health Centre on (01954) 780442.

Anyone who wants to make a donation can send a cheque made payable to 'Renuka Tsunami Sri Lanka Disaster Fund' c/o Bar Hill Health Centre, Hanover Close, Bar Hill, Cambridge CBS 8SE.

More Letters to the Editor

JOTTINGS FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

BUDGET CONSULTATION 2005/06

your services *your* council tax *your* choice

The money generated from council tax helps pay for public services such as schools, social care, roads, waste disposal, libraries, trading standards and environmental services.

Council tax bills are made up of several elements. As the major provider of services, nearly 80% of the bill pays for the services provided by Cambridgeshire County Council. However, the overall bill also funds the Fire Service, Police, your District Council and, if appropriate, your Parish Council.

The Options

Cambridgeshire County Council is very conscious of its duty to care for all vulnerable people in the county. This includes school children, the elderly and those on low fixed incomes. So setting the level of council tax will always be a question of balancing the provision of services with people's ability to pay.

The County Council wants to provide the best possible value-for-money services and our performance is improving each year. But we are also extremely conscious of the effect year on year council tax increases are having on everybody, especially pensioners and those on low fixed incomes.

We will achieve nearly £6 million of efficiency savings next year but every year there are growing demands on our services. For example, there are more children in our schools, more older people needing care and more traffic on our roads.

We believe that council tax should not increase by more than 4% but such a budget will pose major challenges for us. It would enable schools to receive a 7% cash increase to meet some of the new pressures and demands they face. It would also enable us to meet some, but by no means all, of the pressures caused by increased demand on Social Services. We would also see some much needed growth in highways maintenance. But there would be difficult spending decisions to be made in all other areas with cuts of around £8 million necessary.

Current Council Tax Level - one of the lowest in England

Despite above inflation council tax increases both in Cambridgeshire and nationally in recent years, the tax levied by the County Council remains one of the lowest in England. Only three County Councils across the country levy a council tax lower than Cambridgeshire's.

Having been under-funded by central government for many years, Cambridgeshire stood to benefit from a revised funding system introduced in 2003-2004. Unfortunately, the Government used a mechanism known as floors and ceilings to protect other counties which stood to do less well under the new system. In 2003-2004 we received £9 million less than our entitlement and in 2004-2005 we received £11 million less. For 2005-2006 a further change in the system means that we are less adversely affected but even so we 'lose' over £2 million again.

We could obviously increase the money we have to spend on services by making a substantial increase in the council tax. Not only would we be reluctant to do this because of the adverse effect on pensioners and low-paid families, we would also run the risk of being 'capped' by Central Government.

Good Quality, Good Value Services

Cambridgeshire County Council provides services for 560,000 people across the county, spending around £500 million a year. That is a lot of money, but it has to go a long way as we continuously strive to improve the quality of life and opportunities for Cambridgeshire residents.

Every year Cambridgeshire County Council: -

- Educates 78,400 children in 255 schools
- Cares for around 4,300 older people living in their own homes
- Looks after 1,700 older people in residential homes
- Maintains 2,500 miles of roads and 2,400 miles of footways
- Subsidises around 1.8 million passenger bus journeys
- Maintains more than 55,000 street lights
- Provides 6,500 children with free school meals
- Organises home to school transport for 14,000 school children
- Looks after approximately 350 young people in care
- Provides over 1.7 million hours of home care
- Handles around 269,000 tonnes of domestic waste of which 29% is recycled
- Welcomes 2.8 million visitors to our libraries
- Deals with around 23,000 calls to Trading Standards
- Conducts 1,350 marriages in our Register Offices
- Registers 7,530 births and 5,140 deaths

What increase in council tax do you support?

5% - *78p a week extra for a mid-range Band D property*

This would provide schools with a cash increase of over 7% and support key areas of Social Services that are under-funded such as mental health and caring for disabled children with high needs. There would be some much needed additional funding for highways maintenance. But savings of £6 million would be necessary in other areas such as:

- Cuts in work to reduce accidents and minor highway improvements, rural bus services, trading standards and environmental projects.
- Reduced support for cultural and heritage services, fewer mobile classrooms for schools with rising numbers of children, less monitoring of children educated at home and less on-line advice and training support to schools.

4% - *62p a week extra for a mid-range Band D property*

This would give schools a cash increase of over 7%. Social Services would be able to cope with some, but by no means all, of the increased demands. There would be minimal additional funding for highways maintenance.

But in other non-priority areas further savings of nearly £2 million over option one would be required – that is £8 million in total. In addition to the cuts explained in option one further savings would be required as follows:

- Further cuts in road safety schemes, minor highway improvements and in rural bus services. Cuts in trading standards work, cleaning of road signs and trimming of roadside vegetation.
- Less support for children needing special educational needs assessments, increased charges for overdue library books and CDs and less support for children who have English as their second language.
- Much reduced funding for schemes to help vulnerable people live independently.

3% - *47p a week extra for a mid-range Band D property.*

This would raise less money than the minimum the Council believes is necessary. Existing levels of spending could not be maintained other than in schools, which would receive a cash increase of over 7%.

All other services, such as social services, other education services and highways maintenance, would see significant and damaging cuts totalling £10 million. There would be further cuts over option two affecting areas such as:

- Damaging cuts to the road maintenance programme and work to reduce road accidents.
- Heavy reductions in support for bus services.
- Less support for schools causing concern.
- Less child protection training for school staff.
- Reduced educational psychology service for children.
- Less monitoring of the employment of children.
- Cuts in support for families with vulnerable children.
- Reduced funding for community projects, day care schemes, mobile wardens, benefits advice and other important preventative work.

The consultation will run until 15th February when the County Council will set its budget and level of council tax for 2005/06.

I am available for consultation, either in person or by phone, letter or e-mail. I can be reached at the address or telephone number below.

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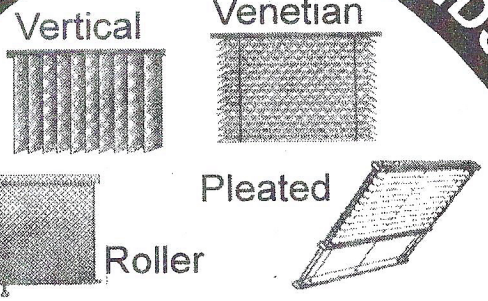

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District Councillor's Report

Local Government Financial Settlement. Although the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his Autumn Statement claimed that he had given local government a generous settlement, almost half of the cash increase awarded to South Cambridgeshire will only cover inflation (at an assumed rate of 2.5%), new services mde mandatory by the Government and population growth. Of the cash increase of £343,000, less than £200,000 will be available to improve services or to keep Council Tax within manageable means. In total, the Council will now receive £6,281,000 from the Government compared with £5,938,000 for 2004-05, leaving approximately £11 million to be financed from other sources.

Appeals against planning decisions. Residents might be aware that when South Cambridgeshire District Council refuses a planning application, that they can appeal to a government inspectorate. In the three months between June and September, 60 appeals were received by the inspectorate, 53 (88%) of these were dismissed, and 7 (12%) allowed. This compares with a national average of 60% dismissed and 40% allowed.

The Oakington Reception Centre. During 2003, there were 64 successful escapes from the Reception Centre, mostly during the Spring and Summer months. During 2004, there have been six only to date. Four of these were in July, which included two brothers who escaped together.

The Cambridge Wind Farm. Responses from consultees such as Stop-the-Cambridge-Wind Farm, the Council for the Protection of Rural England, the Highways Authority and the Institute of Environmental Management and assessment have now been received by the District Council's planning officers. These have now been forwarded to Your Energy, and discussions have taken place as to their response in time for a meeting of the Council's Planning Committee in April. Stop-Cambridge-Wind-Farm are grateful to all who attended their exhibition in the Village Hall on 15th January and registered their comments.

Larger Plastic recycling banks As a result of the popularity of the recycling banks in the Tesco car park, Bar Hill has received larger containers. Those using the banks are urged to wash and crush the bottles, take notice of the days when collection will take place and of a warning that 'littering' (dropping uncrushed bottles around the banks) is a punishable offence.

Local Plan, The Local Plan for South Cambridge has been published, having been adopted last February. The Planning Policy for Bar Hill states: 'Development outside the perimeter road other than the completion of the existing industrial estate will not be permitted.' This provides planning policies up to 2006, and the impending Local Development Framework (which will be considered by the District Council in a series of meetings between now and April) will provide for an extension of these up to 2016.

Tsunami Disaster Thanks to the generosity of South Cambs residents South Cambridgeshire District Council collected four lorry loads of donated emergency supplies and over £1000, in response to the plight of the survivors of the Boxing Day earthquake and tsunami. The Council opened its offices on New Year's Day to collect and sort vast quantities of emergency supplies and donations. Councillor Daphne Spink, the Leader of the Council said: "Staff came in and gave up their holiday and councillors gave up their time. The generosity of the public was incredible." (Bunty gave assistance in the morning, and Roger in the afternoon.) All the items will go to the Sri Lankan High Commissioner's appeal.

Tesco Trolleys A verbal response to one of the South Cambridgeshire planning officers stated that Tesco's do not intend to repair or replace the present system of preventing trolleys being taken out of the Tesco site. A later letter, stating 'that there are no plans to discontinue the trolley security scheme' contradicted this statement. A meeting is being arranged between the District Councillors and Mr Guy Schwabe, manager of Tesco, to discuss this matter and also that of litter– watch this space!!! *[There's a more recent update on page 1, Editor]*

Travellers The District Council is committed to working with others to find a solution to the difficult problems which have arisen and are hoping to promote greater mutual understanding and respect between the travelling and settled communities. You can read what they are doing on the Council website or contact Roger or Bunty for information.

Councillors' Surgeries If we can help with any planning or other problems please give us a ring. Thanks to all who attended the last surgery at Bar Hill on the 15th January. The next surgery will be on 12th February at Dry Drayton.

Licensing. Open days will be held in the Council Offices at Cambourne to which licencees and representatives of Parish Councils and village halls will be invited. These are likely to be in March when hearings will begin to take place. Licencees on the Council's data base will shortly be informed that application forms with notes on them for assistance are available.

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Rosie in Stitches

Happy New Year and thank you to all the neighbours that have left knitting and wool on our doorsteps, it is most appreciated and we need even more. Jo Hall at 11 Almond Grove and Avril Williams at 111 Hillcrest will always accept whatever you donate. We are in particular need of white baby wool.

If you have an appointment at the Rosie Hospital please come and have a refreshing cup of tea or coffee while you are waiting. A drink with biscuits is under £1.

We have a limited selection of our hand knitted toys and clothes (up to age 4) at the tea bar in the Rosie Outpatients, in the Breast Screening Clinic and Clinic 5 every day of the week.

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We have a "Rosie in Stitches" stall in Addenbrooke's Food Court from 10am to 2pm most Tuesdays.

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Circle Dance Comes To Bar Hill

Circle Dance? Is that the same as Line Dance then? — Well, yes and no. Basic steps are similar and you don't need a partner but unlike Line Dance you dance together, usually — yes you guessed it — in a circle. And the MUSIC! These are traditional melodies from all over the world, Greek, Russian, Scottish, Israeli, Gypsy — most communities have their own dances, often dating back hundreds of years. From the Russian glide to the African squat, from poised Irish footwork to sexy Gypsy shimmies you'll find this music moves parts of you that you didn't know existed.

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Village Parking

This is a problem that seems to rear its head from time to time and over the past few months seems to have escalated with inconsiderate people parking badly, making it impossible for emergency vehicles to pass through. Our streets are very narrow and it is hard to find parking sometimes but please be aware of other people living in the village. If you see a lorry parked where it should not be, please take down the licence number and contact the Police. There is a policy in force that no vehicles over 35cwt can park in the residential areas of the village.

Village Hall

Tenders have now been sent out to Building Contractors and the Village Hall Management Committee should be getting the tenders back by mid-February.

Spring Planting Day

We are hoping to purchase some bulbs in the very near future and would like volunteers for a Spring Panting Day (possibly after Easter). If you like to come and help improve some areas in the village with planting please contact me. Watch this space as there will more information available nearer the time.

Councillors' Surgeries

Elected councillors, John Reynolds and Shona Johnstone (County) and Roger Hall and Bunty Waters (District) will be holding Councillors' Surgeries on the second Saturday of each month between 11 am and midday in the Parish Offices in Bar Hill and at the Village Halls in Dry Drayton and Boxworth. Residents from all the villages will be welcome to consult their councillors at any of these.

February 12th	Dry Drayton
March 12th	**Bar Hill**
April 2nd	Boxworth

Bin Collection Dates

February

2 Black bin
9 Green bin and box
16 Black bin
23 Green bin and box

March

2 Black bin
9 Green bin and box
16 Black bin

Untidy Areas in the village

Although most of you feel that there are many areas that come under this heading, it is felt that the area outside the Fish & Chip shop and Library is in dire need of tidying up. To this end the Parish Council will be arranging for the (already vandalised) aluminium seats to be taken away. We are therefore asking the residents if they would like to have these seats replaced with alternative seats or to leave the area without seats altogether (please email or write with your thoughts). Also the Library area will have the mound taken away and levelled off (perhaps with a bench put in place). Also the lighting will be improved and we would like to have the phone box removed. If residents have any thoughts on the removal of this could they please let me know.

New Parish Councillors

We now have our full quota of Parish Councillors on the Parish Council, with two new members who started in December. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Brian Howard and Jacqueline Dean to the Parish Council.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 17th February 2005 at 7.00pm in the Parish Council Office Meeting Room. The public is very welcome to attend this meeting.

HANDY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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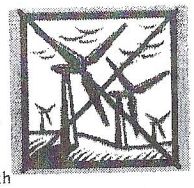
Dog Fouling: 01223 443012
Cambridgeshire County Council (damaged roads and paths): 01223 717111

Change of Village Correspondent for the CEN

I have taken on this role after Bunty Waters had looked after it for a short while. I now look forward to receiving community snippets etc. Where dates are critical in promoting future events I must have the copy by the Monday of the week preceding the date of the event. I can be contacted by E-mail (John@f-uller.fsnet.co.uk), by phone on 782403 or by leaving articles at 10 The Spinney. *[Yes, that really is a hyphen in the e-mail address, Editor]*

John Fuller

BAR HILL WIND FARM EXHIBITION



Saturday 15th January saw the Stop Cambridge Wind Farm Action Group hold an exhibition in Bar Hill Village Hall. Around 80 people attended and over 70 new members were signed up from the exhibition and preceding leaflet drop. In addition Anglia T.V. sent a camera crew to cover the event.

Mike Barnard of Stopcwf said "We were delighted to have such a good response from the residents of Bar Hill and were pleased that people came to see for themselves the impact these 16 massive, 330 foot high, turbines will have on their village and the surrounding area."

Currently the planners at South Cambridgeshire District Council have asked the developers to undertake further work on their application following the flood of objections in the first round of consultation. These objections include the Ministry of Defence / Cambridge Airport, the Highways Agency, English Nature, Cambridge Bat Group and 14 Parish Councils, In addition over 400 local residents have written personal letters of objection and nearly 1400 people have become members of the Stopcwf Action Group.

The application will probably be heard by the council on April 6th and there is still time to register your opposition. Visit the website at stopcwf.org.uk to find out more about the biggest planning application to impact Bar Hill in years.

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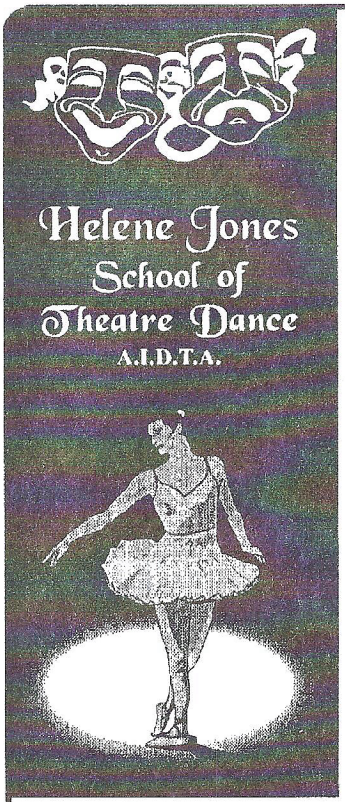

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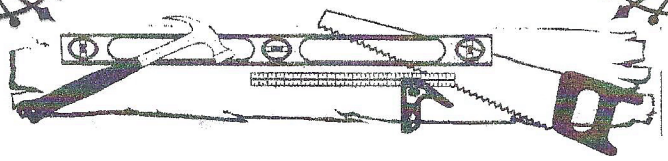

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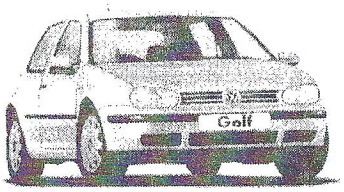

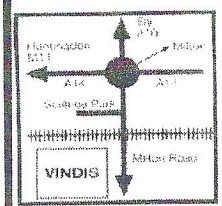

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We have received an excellent OFSTED report including an Aspect of Outstanding Practise in Special Needs. Please come in to view our report or visit OFSTED website.

We offer your child the essential opportunities of learning through play.

As members of the P.L.A. (Pre-School Learning Alliance) we work to the guidelines required by OFSTED and all planning ensures the curriculum for the foundation stage is provided for, for each child according to age and ability.

Session times:

am.	9.00 - 11.30
pm.	12.30 - 3.00
Lunch club	11.30 - 12.30

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Phone Sunshine on 789099
or Vicky on 205497

To book sessions or for further information please contact the Play leaders, Jayne & Tina on 789099 or come and see us during one of our sessions.

Sunbeams

(Located in Sunshine Building)

Monday and Thursday 1.00-3.00pm.
£1.80 per session
Birth upwards. Come and have some fun at our feeder group before starting at Sunshine Pre-school.

Diary Dates

25th February Disco at Sunshine
6.15–7.15pm for Pre-school, Reception, Years 1 & 2, £1.50 including drink & biscuit.
7.30-9.00pm Years 3, 4, 5 & 6, £2.00 hot dogs & drinks on sale.
Tickets from Sunshine or pay on the door.

Things We Have Done & Will Be Doing

Sunshine Pre-school have completed their sponsored marathon walk on 27th November. Thank you to everyone who sponsored us.

During this term the children will be discussing Toys, People Who Help Us, Safety, Transport, Journeys and Time.

Under Ones

Under Ones meet in the Church Octagon on Tuesday mornings 10-12 during school term-times. All are welcome with babies under a year old: Mums, dads, grandparents, carers, childminders. Expectant mums are welcome too.

We charge 50p donation for tea, coffee and biscuits. We have baby-changing facilities, books to read and toys to play with. A relaxed atmosphere to chat and get to know others in the village, while the babies play.

Alwyn Keeves 781050

Thanks

On behalf of The Sunshine Pre-school group I would like to thank the following people and companies who sponsored us on our Walkathon around the village on Saturday 27th November 2004.

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Tesco

To all our friends and family and parents of the children who attend 'Sunshine', without whose support we would not have raised the amount we did, which we estimate between £1500 and £1800.

A special mention to Gill Haydon-Smith, Adrienne Sharman and Peter Knott who kept us fed and watered.

Also to Sarah, Steve and Roger who shook their buckets so well and, of course, the very generous people who filled them – thank you.

Finally to the people who completed the Walkathon of 27 miles, Jayne Walker, Tina Eales, Julie Norman, Tina Fox and Caroline Rankin.

Thank you

Belinda Knott
Chairperson of Sunshine Pre-school

Bar Hill Parent and Toddler Group (formerly Tots and Teds)

Bar Hill Parent and Toddler Group is a welcoming and friendly group set up to provide play and socialising for children 0-4 years. A committee of local volunteer parents runs the group. We meet in the Octagon every Wednesday and Friday morning 9.45 – 11.15.

Each session is run by a Session leader and provides a range of activities, which includes crafts; puzzles; imaginary play and a selection of outdoor toys (weather permitting). We provide refreshments and an opportunity to meet new people. We ask a small fee of £1.80 per child per session and £1.00 per sibling (this helps us cover the cost of the hall/refreshments/ toys).

If you would like any further information please call in to one of sessions, Emma runs Wednesdays and Jo runs Fridays, they will be happy to speak to you, or call Lucy Tel: 01954 781341.

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Guiding is thriving in Bar Hill thanks to our willing team of volunteers. However success brings its own problems – we need help! At the moment we are in need of at least 2 Rainbow guiders and one brownie guider.

After a busy term leading up to Christmas all packs are now well into their programme for the Spring Term. The guides this term will be doing their Go For It – Lights, Camera, Action. As part of this they will be visiting Radio Cambridgeshire. They will also be taking part in the Walk for the World Challenge, doing a sponsored walk through Cambridge taking in the sights (and the shops!) on the way! Brownies have sewed squares together for the Tsunami in Asia, will be making gifts for Mothering Sunday and going swimming. All units in the village will be looking further afield into international guiding this term. On February 22, Thinking Day, the birthday of our founders, Lord and Lady Baden Powell, we will be joining together for food tasting, crafts and songs from around the world, finishing with a short ceremony remembering our guiding sisters.

Claire Cook
District Commissioner
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Bar Hill THE PLAY STATION Out of School Club

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We are a non-profit making Out of School Club which provides childcare, for school aged children in a safe and caring environment for working parents or for children who want to use the Club to socialise with other children, especially if they are new to the village.

We have a purpose built building adjacent to the School, from which we have direct access.

Our team of dedicated staff are regularly updating their training, which includes NVQ's in Playwork, Child Protection, First Aid and many more.

We had an excellent OFSTED inspection of which we are very proud.

A typical session provides the children with a wide range of activities from computers to home corner, modeling clay to pool table and much more, or a chance to chill out watching a video or DVD. We also have a wide range of outdoor activities, which we can do in the safe environment of the School playground. During the holidays we have themed activities, which the children are involved in choosing, as they are with many other issues, such as outings etc. as it is their Club, they even chose its name. This summer's theme was "around the world in 25 days". We also provide a snack e.g. Pasta, filled pittas and hot dogs etc, followed by a biscuit and fresh fruit. If there is a birthday we make a cake to share.

We are open after school till 6pm every day at a cost of £3/hour and from 8.15-6pm during school holidays for £19/day or half day rate of £9.50 for either 8.30-1pm or 1.30-6pm.

Our building is also available for hire, for parties, meetings etc - £5 per hour and £10 for the kitchen.

For further information, to arrange a visit, or to hire the building please call Patsie on 07752039562.

UPDATES

Well done to the winning team from last month, we hope you enjoy your bowling trip.

The Spring Term Holiday Booking Form is now ready, anyone wishing to make a booking, please contact Patsie or call in at the Club and collect a copy.

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Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons are especially designed for children in the year before they start school and have a slightly different structure to our other sessions, including cookery, PE, woodwork and music sessions.

Children are welcome to attend from age two and a half. Parents may choose to help at sessions during our "bring your Mum or Dad to Acorns "weeks, which are very popular.

From September 2004, we re-openned mini acorns, for children from age 2- 2 1/2. This is a small session with no more than 8 children, two afternoons per week, to provide a calm , secure environment which helps children to get ready for big pre-school .Please telephone if you would like more information.

We have recently received an excellent OFSTED report (the full version is available on request (or can be accessed via the OFSTED web site.) We were awarded "an aspect of outstanding practice in special needs" and overall the judgment, which we received, was very good.

We offer a "places for all policy", whereby we subsidise or give free places to families in need. Annually we ensure that at least three or four children are able to access good quality preschool education through this scheme. Please enquire about this.

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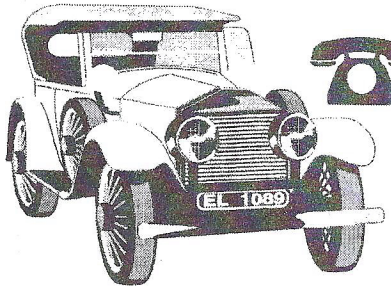

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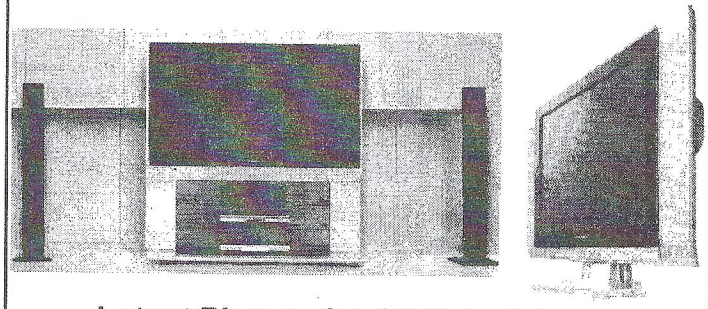

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Judith	full / part time	201919
Melanie	part time	204496

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2.30pm to 5.00pm
For those in years 3 to 6

Activities such as drama, dance, craft, cooking all based on a Bible story or theme culminating in a short time of worship. This Pick n Mix It will be linked with the Connexions Service at 6pm on the 13th February.

For an application form please contact Claire Thorby on 781527 by Monday 7th February.

Dates for March:

Adrenaline - Tuesday 8th March - A sports event for years 3 to 6 based on a Christian theme for all abilities. Cost £2.

Power Pals - Friday 18th March - A fun way to learn about Jesus for those in Reception, years 1 and 2. Cost £1.

Preschool Easter Activity Time - Monday 21st March - A time for parents / carers and children under 5 to find out about Easter. Free entry.

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We hold Coffee Mornings on the 3rd Saturday of each month. The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 15th January from 10.00 oclock until midday in the Octagon.

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Sue Kenchington.

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Session Times

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	1.00 - 2.30	Play tots
Wed	9.00 - 11.30	
Thurs	9.00 - 11.30	
Fri	9.00 - 11.30	Rising 5's

Rising 5's Session

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Places

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BAR HILL FETE

Would anybody or groups who would be interested in having a stall at the fete 25 June please get in touch with Lisa Francis on 01954 201160

Happy Hours The recycled youth club

Let me start this column by wishing all our readers, a belated, but never-the-less, a Happy, Healthy and a Prosperous New Year, and may all your troubles be few.

Last Year. We ended 2004 on a very happy note. On Monday 13th. December, the Club Christmas Lunch was held at the Moat House Hotel, when 67 of our members sat down to an excellent meal. This was followed by a free raffle with over 40 prizes, including many bottles, and then followed some good music, entertainment and even dancing. Many thanks to Sid and Ruby Hunt for organising the party, others who helped, and to the Hotel Management and Staff for making it such a great day. Many say, 'the best ever'. On Tuesday 22nd December many of our members joined with other Senior Citizens of the village, at a Carol Service at Bar Hill Church. This was a most enjoyable service, which was followed by tea, coffee and mince-pies.

Christmas Cards. As last year, we decided that instead of sending each other Christmas Cards, we would make a small donation to a charity. This again proved successful and raised a total of £72.00 which has been sent to the Rosie Maternity Hospital towards the cost of a new ventilating machine. Once again, many Christmas Cards were sent, we can't seem to get out of the habit.

Holidays. On Monday 22nd. November, 35 of our members travelled to Weston-Super-Mare for a five day Tinsel & Turkey holiday. This was a super break at a good hotel, and included trips to Cheddar Gorge and the City of Bath, followed by a trip through Chepstowe to the Forest of Dean and a shopping break at Bristol. The hotel entertainment was good, and besides music and dancing, there was a fancy dress competition and games of bingo. Dot proved to be the champion bingo player.

Our next holiday is on Friday 11th. February, and is a three day 'Valentines Weekend' at the Heatherleigh Hotel in Eastbourne. This is followed by a six-day holiday at Sandown, Isle of Wight starting on Sunday 17th April.

Raffle. Our first raffle of the new year is being held on Monday 24th. January, when the proceeds will be donated to the Wood Green animal centre.

Obituary. It is with great regret that I have to announce the death of our dear friend George Woods whose funeral, conducted by the Revd. Gary Renison, was held on Tuesday 21st. December at the Cambridge City Crematorium. George, who was very nearly 89 years of age, left school at the age of 14 years and served an apprenticeship as a stone-mason. As a skilled man he worked on many important buildings, including Westminster Abbey and Kings College. During the war years he served with the Royal Engineers. George, described as a true English Gentleman, was a most interesting man to talk to. R.I.P.

Sickness. Although many members have suffered minor ailments over the past two months, I know of no serious sickness problems.

New Member. We have started the New Year well by welcoming to the Club, Mrs. Isabel Wilson. Isabel, who is a Friday night indoor bowls player, is already well known to some of our lady members. We still have room for further new members, so if you are interested, give Sid Hunt, our Chairman, a ring on 201384

Dennis Holt, 780948.

Thank You

On behalf of everyone at the East Anglian Air Ambulance, I am writing to thank you for your letter of 4th December 2004 and cheque in the sum of £475.70, which you kindly sent us. I enclose our official receipt number 11427 for your records.

My goodness - what a donation! I cannot believe you collected that sum of money at your Firework Night. What can I say about the people of Bar Hill - you are absolutely fantastic! I enclose a certificate of thanks which I hope you can display somewhere to show everyone how grateful we are.

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Yours sincerely

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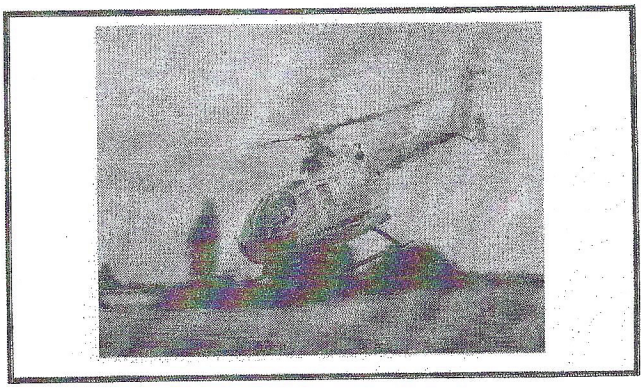

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Bar Hill Residents' Association and everyone who contributed to the success of their Firework Night

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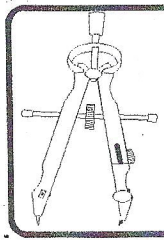

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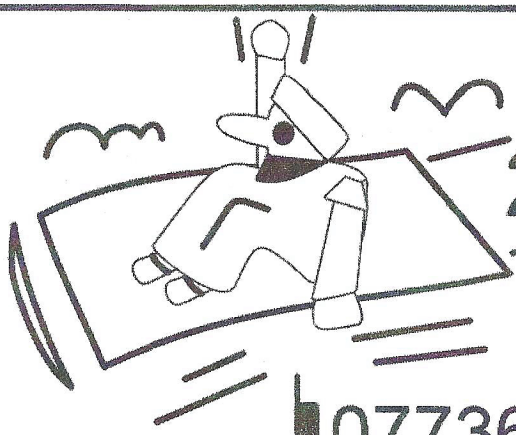

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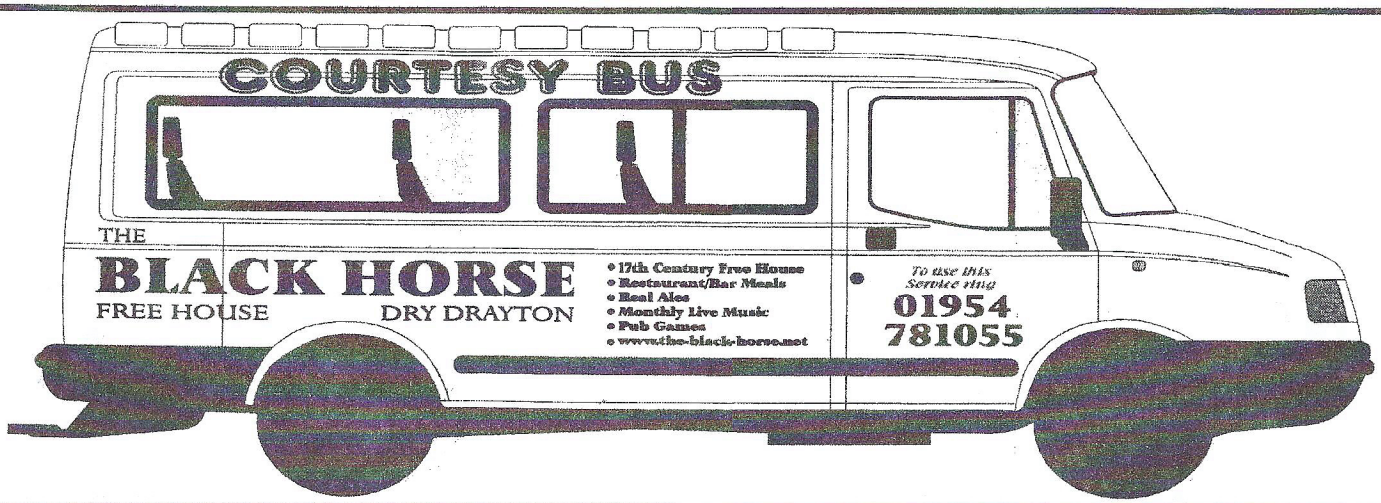

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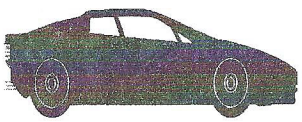

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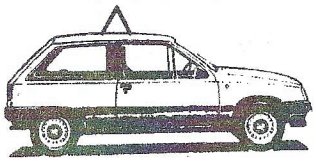

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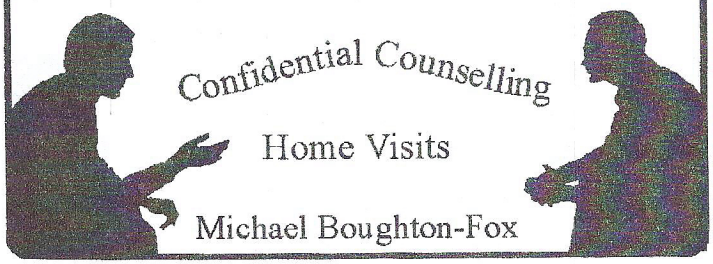

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How would you like to see Bar Hill develop over the coming years?

Over the 50 years since the idea of a new village to the north of Cambridge was first put forward, Bar Hill has clearly developed into a strong and vibrant community with a wide range of services and facilities.

But is that it? Does the completion of the 1960s plan mean that the village should now be set in aspic and not allowed to grow or change to accommodate modern-day needs? Or might there be opportunity for some further development that could bring with it benefits to the current community as well as measures to make the village more sustainable? For example -

Does the village need more or better sports pitches?

Is there enough affordable housing either for rent or for shared-ownership available for those who have grown up in the village but cannot now afford the full market prices (there are currently only 7 council properties, 17 Housing Association houses and 28 one bed sheltered flats to serve a population of just under 4,300 people)?

What is going to happen to the primary school where the County Council forecasts that there will be 100 (25%) surplus places by 2008?

Is there anything further that could be done to help address the teenage issue?

The District Council is currently reviewing Bar Hill's future as part of the consultation on the new South Cambridgeshire Development Plan (nowadays called a Local Development Framework or "LDF"). Its current approach seems to be based on a belief that nothing needs to be done at Bar Hill.

Atkins Property Holdings Ltd holds controlling interests over the majority of the land to the immediate west and south of the village and is taking part in this consultation. We have been looking at whether there might be opportunity to develop some of this land for recreation, housing and additional employment uses.

Some residents may recall that back in the early 1990s Atkins held an exhibition in the village hall showing plans for a sizeable expansion of the village. The majority of people that provided comments at that time were supportive of the principle of some expansion as a means to fund improvements. However, in the event, the "powers that be" felt unable to formally support the plans and the proposals were not taken forward.

The scheme that we are currently drawing up would create a new perimeter road further out onto the land to the west of the village (but retaining adequate separation to Lolworth). The area between the current perimeter road and the new would then be developed for a total of about 300 new homes. There would also be approximately 6 hectares of new employment land abutting the A14.

As part of the scheme Atkins proposes to provide a range of facilities and other benefits that the village does not presently enjoy, including -

- At least 30% of the new housing would be designated as affordable homes targeted at those in the village (for example young people) who cannot afford to buy or rent their own homes.
- 2 new football pitches (possibly including a "showpiece" ground) on land that could double up as a second cricket pitch.
- A new "Homeworking Support Centre" to include secretarial and accounts support and photocopying, e-mail and internet facilities.
- Dedication of open land to ensure that proper separation with Lolworth is maintained in perpetuity.

The company is also willing to consider funding additional items such as a pedestrian crossing to the skateboard park.

Over the coming months we will be publishing and consulting on our plans, including with the village's teenagers.

As a first step, we are seeking to have Bar Hill included in the LDF's list of "Rural Centres". Rural Centres are those villages that contain a good level of services and facilities and which may be suitable for some development "especially where it can make a contribution to the social and economic needs of a community". The Council's current list includes Histon, Impington, Sawston, Great Shelford, Stapleford and Cambourne.

We also consider that there could be even greater benefits available to the village from a larger scheme of, say, 800 additional new homes (again concentrated to the west) that could finance a much larger package of benefits and improvements. Although this would clearly be more attractive from a commercial viewpoint, we recognise that the Council's current assessment of the housing requirement would not justify such a scale of development. In addition, an 800-unit scheme may not be possible without a second access to the village, a matter that is likely to be considered through the proposals for the A14 improvement due to be published shortly.

If anyone has any immediate thoughts or ideas on our suggestions we would very much welcome feedback. Please contact our community relations consultant, Iain Vellacott, either via e-mail (propsols@globalnet.co.uk) or by telephoning him on 01295 811633.

Atkins Property Holdings Ltd

Boost for youth groups as funding is increased!

Youth and Community groups throughout Cambridgeshire and Peterborough can still benefit from approximately £120,000 of government funding between December 2004 and March 2005. The Local Network Fund at Cambridgeshire ACRE has secured extra funding for their current financial year as well as a third year's funding of approximately £366,000 to enable groups to apply for projects from £250 to £7,000.

Last year the Local Network Fund awarded a total of over £320,000 to deserving groups throughout the county. This money went towards a range of projects .including starting up mother and toddler groups, karate groups and youth cricket teams. Also to benefit from last year's pot were drama training projects, art workshops, museums, pre-schools and skate clubs.

Any voluntary group, charity, association or self-help group working with children or young people who are disadvantaged in some way can apply to the Fund, for imaginative projects that fit into the four main themes; aspiration and experiences, economic disadvantage, isolation and access and children's voices.

Local Network Fund Co-ordinator Corrina Nicholson said, "So far this has been a really positive experience that has benefited various communities all over Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. We are so pleased that our funding has been increased for this year and that we are able to continue this work forward to what will hopefully be another successful year!"

"Our fund is very people friendly, Development Officer Jenny Roberts is on hand every step of the way to talk over project ideas, give help with filling in forms, or any other background information groups may need. Workshops are provided throughout the year on filling out the forms as well as one-to-one meetings."

Any groups interested in applying for a grant should contact the Local Network Fund Call Centre on 0845 113 0161 for a form or contact Development Officer Jenny Roberts on 01353 860850 or email jenny.roberts@cambsacre.org.uk for further information.

Valentines Cabaret Dance at the **Cambridgeshire Hotel** on **Friday 11th February** at **8-00pm to Midnight** and features three live acts - **Fiona McClean, Ian Toombs Buddy Holly Tribute and Peter Day as Elvis 2000.** We also have **Negative Image Disco** for the late night Valentines 60's boppers. Tickets are **£8-00 (advance booking only)** and available from Party Days, 28 Milton Rd, Cambridge or be calling 08700 468875 (daytime)

Swavesey Village College restores 'faith in the youth of today.'

Since the last issue, Swavesey has organised a number of very high profile and successful events either for or with different members of our local and wider community. As always with such events, visitors or members of the community have been impressed by the enthusiasm and commitment of Swavesey students to learning and helping others. The highlights have included :

Healthcare Science Day. Thirty scientists from Addenbrooke's Hospital led small group sessions on a wide range of different disciplines within the Health Service. Around 700 of our students had the opportunity to get a taste of the diverse applications of science on offer. It was a fantastic day for all concerned. Mary Archer, the Chair of Addenbrooke's Trust, was very complimentary about the attitude and interest shown by our students and the commitment of the staff to making it happen. The Trust was so impressed with our students that they have offered to put on a similar event each year. The organiser remarked that : 'The behaviour and level of attention of the students is to be applauded and has certainly restored the faith in the youth of today.'

StarChaser Rocket Locals may have noticed a massive rocket in our car park back in December. The College organised a visit by StarChaser team from Manchester who design, build and test their series of rockets. Following a excellent multimedia presentation about the rocket, students were shown round the rocket. StarChaser is the largest rocket ever launched from the UK mainland and is able to reach 30 miles above the earth.

'Insight into Industry' Teams of year 9 students competed in different challenges ranging from purifying water to designing and marketing a new training shoe. There were also teams acting as journalists picking up Press Releases via video conferencing between different rooms and producing various news reports. Domino Printing Sciences, Addenbrookes Hospital, Nokia, ARM, Anglian Water and Cambridge Evening News were among the companies leading and supporting the different challenges

Christmas Concert. This was a real showcase for the breadth of musical talent and excellence that is both present and developing within the school. The students were impeccably behaved and showed real maturity in their attitude as both performers and members of the audience.

Christmas hampers Year 7 students, together with members of the choir, visited Thistle Green Sheltered Housing in Swavesey to deliver Christmas Hampers and sing carols. Each tutor group had put in a huge effort to organise this and the resulting hampers were quite amazing.

Charities' Morning The last day of the Autumn term was our charities morning, with well over 50 different stalls, activities, raffles taking place alongside the normal non-uniform and fancy dress ideas. Over £5,200 (including 10% of the Sponsored Walk money) has therefore been raised by students for the different charities selected by the year groups : (in ascending year order) Addenbrooke's Children's Ward, World Vision, Teenage Cancer Trust, 'Send a Cow' and Children In Need.

The students at the College have much to be proud of. They always rise to the academic, extra-curricular and charitable opportunities that are offered to them and this, in turn, gives the College, and the community it serves, much to be proud of.

The College is also developing its national recognition; Steve Howard of SVC, together with Andy Sandham of Ionix Pharmaceuticals, have been invited to speak at the forthcoming National Science Conference about the exciting and successful links that are being developed with local science and business community.

Look on our website for details about forthcoming College events – these include the Spring Concert on the 16th of March at the College to which you are all most welcome.

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We are hoping to organise future events.

We are having a' **Coffee Morning**.' in the library, the 1st Thursday of the month.

We will be having a '**Book Sale**. On Saturday the 5th March, we will be pleased with any donations thank you'

All these are open to the public; we look forward to seeing you all.

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... and Found

Gold hoop earring with heart feature. Found before Christmas on the spine path near the library. For further information phone 780238.

Please note that the child's Mickey watch that I found on the school football pitch back in September, has still not been reclaimed.If this is not claimed within the next month, I shall give the item to Charity. For details phone Jairo 781838

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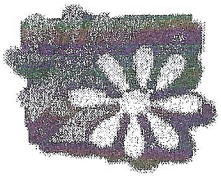

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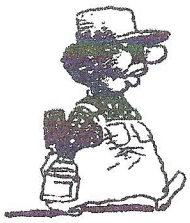

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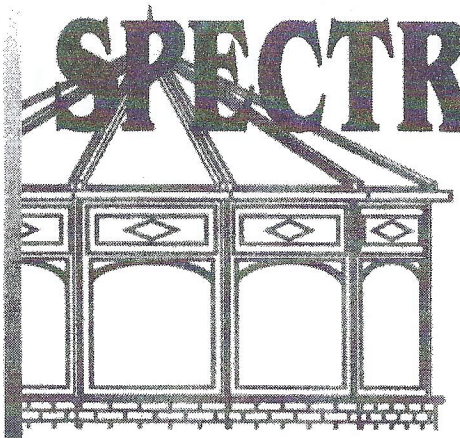

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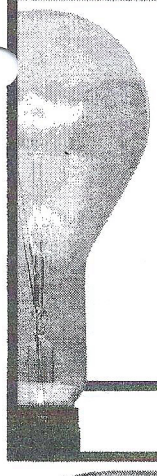

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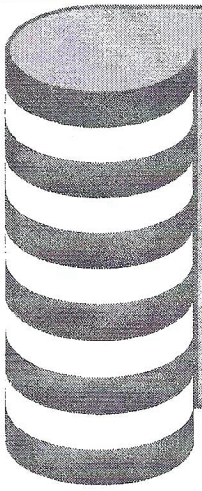

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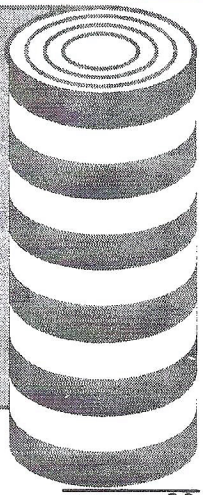

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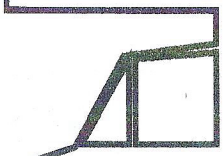

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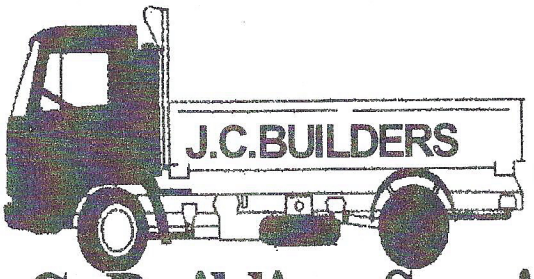

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Bar Hill FC

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Please note the new contact details for some age groups.

Bar Hill Colts FC - Team Managers		
U7	Steve Andrews	789778
U7	Rob Humphreys	781583
U8	Darryn Cooke	203576
U9	Dave Childs	200362
U10	Kevin Salaman	201701
U11	Paul Thorby	781527
U12	Jairo Marin	781838
U12 (Girls)	Ruth Pimentel	782253
U13	Barry Dean	205670
U14	Nigel Barber	781533
U15	Barry Driver	789635
U16	Martin Buttress	204606
U17	Paul Douglas	710379

Bar Hill Colts FC would like to wish all their players, supporters, coaches and managers a very successful New Year.

See us www.barhillcolts.org.uk

Bar Hill Colts FC - Committee		
Chairman	Paul Prime	203175
Vice Chairman	Kevin Hard	789632
General Secretary	Paul Neal	205076
Colts League Secretary	Sarah Phillips	200496
Mini League Fixtures	Gail Pridgeon	203229
Honorary Treasurer	Jairo Marin	781838
Entertainments	Jeanette Barber	781533
	Michelle Davies	201246
Publicity Officer	Kevin Salaman	201701
Parents Rep.	Gail Pridgeon	203229
Girls Football	Ruth Pimentel	782253
Child Protection	Nigel Barber	781533
Facility - Manager	Paul Thorby	781527
Facility - Bookings	Lisa Francis	201160

Both teams continue to perform and progress impressively. Half way through their respective league programmes, the reserves are only 2 points off second place and another promotion.The first team enter the New Year only one point behind the leaders in the senior division. Both teams are still in their respective cup competitions.The managers and committee would like to thank all the players for their effort and commitment and wish them a Happy 'Trophy Laden' New Year.

Bar Hill F.C.		
Adult	Paul Prime	203175
Adult	John Houston	200951
Adult	Ashley Curry	782663

email: ashley@any-mail.co.uk
Please contact us if you are interested in playing for one of our teams.

BAR HILL FC – FIRST TEAM

Back row (Left - Right)D Bright, K Hawkes, D Silk, S Waters, J Egan, P Prime (Manager), M Aves, L Kempton S North, J Salvage,J Panter
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Contact details:
Junior Herbert 200315
or 07900 553963
or Haydon 07764600770

Cricket Club

It may be freezing outside, but our thoughts are already turning to the 2005 season, which promises to be one of the most exciting the club has seen.

For the first time in our history, we have organised a tour. Our intrepid band will set out to Torquay on Sunday July 3, playing four evening games against local opposition and returning on the Friday. Places are still available if members wish to join the adventure (sorry, we are unable to include junior members). Please get in touch with secretary Paul Stimpson if you wish to add your name to our squad.

After last season's successful experiment with a 20/20 tournament (at least until the weather intervened), we are also pleased to say we will be organising another similar event, probably the day after the village fete. Watch this space for further details.

Once again, we will be playing in the CCA league, although the fixture list is not yet known, and we will be running two junior teams, at under-12 and under-14 level.

So, it will be a busy season. In preparation for that, winter nets will begin on Sunday, February 13 at 9.30am. This year, we will be at Comberton Village College and each session will run for 90 minutes, giving us more time to hone our techniques for the summer ahead. The nets run until April 17, with a break for Easter weekend.

Finally, membership forms will be distributed in the next month and we would ask all members to return these as soon as possible. This is essential so members are covered by our insurance policy.

For more information on the club, or if you are interested in joining us, please visit our website at www.barhillcricket.org.uk where you can also find a host of interesting coaching articles by our captain, David Fletcher. Alternatively, contact the secretary on the number below.

Paul Stimpson782475

Football Project

The pitch is being used to its full capacity in the evenings by the Colts and the 5-a-side league. The facility is still available for hire by clubs, organisations or for football birthday parties etc. If you wish to find out more about hiring the facility then contact our Bookings Secretary, Lisa Francis on 201160.

Straight after school on Tuesdays the pitch is open by Karen Curry for a free kick around for children in years 3 to 6 (two 20 minute sessions). The pitch is opened on Thursdays by Michelle Davis for children in reception to year 2.

We would like to open the pitch on a Friday or Saturday night for casual youth football. To deliver this we need volunteers to go on a rota. Please contact Paul on 781527 if you can help.

The officers of the Management Committee are:

Chairperson:	Jack Fleming
Vice-Chair:	Alan Hewings
Secretary:	Paul Thorby
Treasurer:	Jairo Marin

Paul Thorby, Tel: 781527

NWR

NATIONAL WOMEN'S REGISTER

National Women's Register could be just what you are looking for! Join our group and find, new friends, fresh interests and take part in lively conversations. NWR is very informal with no agendas or minutes. You will receive a warm welcome whatever your age or circumstances.

The group meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of every month usually in each other's homes. The cost of a meeting is only £1.00, which includes refreshments.

Thursday 10th February
American Evening at Jill's
Thursday 24th February
Russia - then and now - video at: Di's
Sat. 5th March
Area meeting - St. Ives, Members only
Thursday 10th March
History of Emmanuel College - talk by Janet at: Win's

If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to telephone, Jennifer o'Dell 201269 or Bobby Colver 781662

8 O'Clock Club

The 8 o'clock club is a very informal group for women of all ages who live in Bar Hill We meet in the school on the 1st Thursday of each month at 8pm. We have a varied programme consisting of speakers, demonstrations and outings.

3 February	The history and fossils of Barrington quarry
3 March	TBA (phone for details)

If you would like to join please come along to one of the meetings or telephone Barbara Page on 204171

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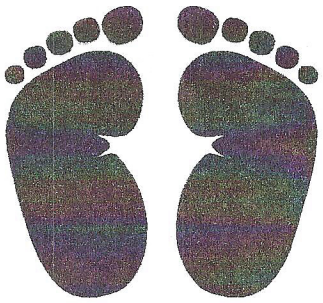

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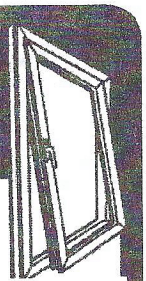

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Ash Wednesday			
Wed 9th	8.00pm	Communion and Imposition of Ashes	
Sun 13th	8.00am	Holy Communion	
	10.00am	Morning Worship	Preacher: Mr Andrew Vaughan
	6.00pm	'Connexions' Service	Leader: Mrs Claire Thorby
Wed 16th	10.00am	Mid-week Communion	
Sun 20th	10.00am	Worship Service & Holy Communion	Preacher: Rev Gary Renison
	6.30pm	Informal Worship	Leaders: Heather Smethurst and Mags Perry
Sun 27th	10.00am	Family Parade Service	Preacher: Mrs Julie Gawthrope
	6.30pm	Quiet Communion	Preacher: Rev Gary Renison

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People to contact:

The Minister:	Rev Gary Renison (**781629**)
Church Administrator:	Mrs. Claire Thorby (Tel & Fax **206120**)
Church Secretary:	Ms Alison Burling (**789282**)

The Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs

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Parish Priest:	Mgr. Tony Rogers	**01223 350787**
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Local contact:	Bunty Waters	**201421**

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Holydays of Obligation: 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm
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Sat: 10.30 - 11.15 am, 4.30 - 5.15 pm, 7.00 - 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday - copies are available in the Church Centre.

What's On This Month

(See p29 for Church Services)

Date	Time	Event	Location
Feb			
Thu 3rd	8.00pm	8 o'clock club - The history and fossils of Barrington quarry	School
Tue 8th	8.00pm	Residents' Association Meeting	New Parish Council Office
Thu 10th	8.00pm	NWR American evening	Tel 201269
Fri 11th	8.00pm	Valentine's Cabaret Dance	Hotel (Tickets 0870 046 8875)
Sat 12th	2.30pm	Pick n Mix It	Church
Thu 17th	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting	New Parish Council Office
Sat 19th	8.00pm	Ceilidh	Swavesey Village College
Thu 24th	8.00pm	NWR 'Russia - then and now'	Tel 201269
Fri 25th	6.15pm	Disco for Pre-school to Year 2	S.P.A.R.C
Fri 25th	7.30pm	Disco for Years 3 to 6	S.P.A.R.C
Mar			
Thu 3rd	8.00pm	8 o'clock club - TBA (Phone 204171)	School
Sat 5th	8.00pm	NWR Area Meeting (Members only)	St Ives
Sat 5th		Book Sale	Library
Tue 8th		Adrenaline	Church
Tue 8th	8.00pm	Residents' Association Meeting	New Parish Council Office
Thu 10th	8.00pm	NWR 'The history of Emmanuel College'	Tel 201269
Sat 12th	11am-noon	District & County Council Advice Surgery	New Parish Council Office
Wed 16th	Evening	Spring Concert	Swavesey Village College
Fri 18th		Power Pals	Church
Mon 21st		Pre-school Easter Activity Time	Church

Residents' Association

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them up and return them to the store. They will also be asked to report areas where trolleys are repeatedly left, so that residents nearby can be informed. Rubbish – surface-collecting and deep-clean – is now being collected on a regular basis. Tesco's believe that they do what they can to keep the village tidy, that residents are often guilty of dropping rubbish and loosely discarding it.

With regards to trolleys, the reason why a coin-in-the slot system cannot be introduced is purely economic. It is more expensive to fit and maintain these than replacing the number of £60-00 trolleys that are damaged or which disappear. Also, the manager maintained, the assertion is true that certain 'yobs' sometimes push customers out of the way so as to retrieve pound coins. This has been the case elsewhere where stores are situated in town and village centres. He went on to mention the high level of anti-social behaviour, vandalism and violence experienced by the store on Friday and Saturday evenings. The frequency and extent of this shocked us. It is almost entirely perpetrated by 'yobs' coming into Bar Hill from outside - young people living in Bar Hill generally cause the store little trouble. Tesco's have stamped down on the purchase of alcohol intended for re-sale to under-age drinkers; now this is being brought into the village from outside. Unfortunately, as was the case when Bar Hill was denied its late-night bus as a result of vandalism by youths from Fen Drayton on one of the buses coming to the village, Bar Hill constantly has its image tarnished because of this. It is up to us residents to repudiate the misleading articles about the village which constantly appear in the local press.

The Future for Bar Hill is uncertain. As District Councillors, Bunty Waters and I are involved in the Local Development Framework for the period after 2006, which involves the building of the new town of Northstowe two miles to the north. This cannot help but affect us. At the moment, the proposals do not involve Bar Hill, but inquiries have been made as to whether the village should expand to the west. These proposals – made in view of the fact that Northstowe may not get off the ground in the time-scale envisaged as a result of the Government's delay over the improvements to the A14 – have considerable validity about them on account of the lack of recreational land in the village (little more than half that laid down by the Government for new developments) and demographic problems caused by the fact that the village cannot expand internally, resulting in falling numbers at the school – down from 400 six years ago to 250 in five years time - and other factors affecting village facilities. These plans have also been circulated to the Parish Council, and an article will appear in the Bar Hill News this month.

These plans are not for the immediate future; they await our reaction, the extra playing fields being a carrot dangling in front of us. Much can happ before an application for planning consent can be made. Eventually, Bar Hill will have to choose between stagnation or expansion – it is up to us to decide.

Roger Hall

Meetings

Residents' Association's meetings are normally held at 8pm on the second Tuesday of each month in the new Parish Council building next to the Octagon. The next meeting will be on February 8th. Interested residents are always welcome at these meetings.

Martin Avery

Crossword

Unfortunately, an error means that the crossword in the December issue cannot be solved. Space does not permit a crossword this month.

December 'solution'

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